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SUBJECT: U.S. FLUOROCARBON CONTROL STRATEGY

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1. AS PRESAGED IN THEIR OCTOBER ANNOUNCEMENTS (REFTEL A),
U.S. FEDERAL AGENCIES HAVE JOINED TOGETHER IN EFFORTS TO
CONTROL NONESSENTIAL USES OF CHLOROFLUOROCARBONS. AN
INTERAGENCY WORK GROUP, CHAIRED BY EPA, IS COORDINATING
REGULATORY PLANS BY EPA, CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISION
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(CPSC), AND FDA. U.S. AGENCIES ARE FOCUSING THEIR INITIAL
EFFORTS ON CONTROL OF NONESSENTIAL AEROSOL USES OF F-11,
F-12, AND OTHER CHLOROFLUOROCARBONS. A JOINT ENVIRONMENTAL
IMPACT STATEMENT IS BEING PREPARED FOR RELEASE WITH THE
PROPOSED REGULATIONS ON AEROSOLS, WHICH ARE SCHEDULED TO
BE PUBLISHED THIS APRIL. FINAL REGULATIONS ARE EXPECTED
WITHIN THE NEXT TWO YEARS, THE TIME PERIOD IDENTIFIED BY

THE U.S. NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES IN WHICH SELECTIVE REGULATION SHOULD BE UNDERTAKEN.

2. AS NOTED REFTTEL A, THE FDA HAS INITIATED THE REGULATORY PROCESS AGAINST NONESSENTIAL AEROSOL USES IN FOODS, DRUGS AND COSMETICS. ON NOVEMBER 22, THE U.S. CPSC GRANTED

A PETITION OF THE NATIONAL RESOURCES DEFENSE COUNCIL TO BEGIN REGULATORY PROCEEDINGS LEADING TO A BAN OF FLUOROCARBON AS AN AEROSOL PROPELLANT IN CONSUMER PRODUCTS UNDER ITS REGULATORY JURISDICTION (E.G., HOUSEHOLD CLEANERS). CPSC INTENDS, HOWEVER, TO TERMINATE ITS PROCEEDING IF IT IS SATISFIED THAT THE RULE EPA ULTIMATELY PROPOSES COVERS THE SAME GROUND. EPA INTENDS TO PROPOSE ITS REGULATION ON NONESSENTIAL AEROSOL USES OF FLUOROCARBONS USING THE AUTHORITY OF THE NEW TOXIC SUBSTANCES CONTROL ACT. AS NOTED, ALL PROPOSED REGULATIONS ARE SCHEDULED TO BE MADE PUBLIC THIS APRIL.

3. ON NOVEMBER 23, THE FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION PROPOSED A WARNING LABEL FOR FOOD, DRUG, AND COSMETIC PRODUCTS CONTAINING CHLOROFLUOROCARBON PROPELLANTS AS AN INTERIM MEASURE UNTIL PHASE-OUT IS COMPLETED. FDA EXPECTS THE FINAL RULE ON THE WARNING STATEMENT TO BE ISSUED IN EARLY APRIL, AT APPROXIMATELY THE SAME TIME AS THE PROPOSED REGULATIONS ON PHASE-OUT. THE CPSC ON JANUARY 14 ANNOUNCED A DECISION TO REQUIRE A CHLOROFLUOROCARBON IDENTIFICATION AND WARNING STATEMENT ON AEROSOL CONSUMER PRODUCTS.

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4. DURING THE SECOND PHASE OF THE REGULATION PROCESS, THE EPA PLANS TO EXAMINE ENVIRONMENTAL RISKS, BENEFITS AND AVAILABLE ALTERNATIVES TO NON-AEROSOL USES OF CHLOROFLUOROCARBONS, SUCH AS REFRIGERANTS AND FOAMS, AND ISSUE PROPOSED REGULATIONS FOR THESE OTHER USES BY JUNE 1978.

5. OTHER FEDERAL AGENCIES, INCLUDING THE NATIONAL OCEANOGRAPHIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION AND NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION ARE CONTINUING TO MONITOR, RESEARCH AND DEVELOP TECHNICAL INFORMATION ON THE IMPACTS OF INTRODUCTION OF CHLOROFLUOROCARBONS INTO THE ATMOSPHERE. NASA'S SCIENTIFIC ASSESSMENT OF THE CFM IMPACT ON STRATOSPHERIC OZONE IS CURRENTLY BEING REVIEWED AND CONFIRMED FOR RELEASE IN SEPTEMBER 1977.

6. PRECEDING MAY BE USED AS APPROPRIATE TO REPLY TO ANY INQUIRIES POSTS MAY RECEIVE ON THE SUBJECT.

7. WE WILL KEEP POSTS INFORMED OF FUTURE SIGNIFICANT
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